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SUBJECT: TARIFF ON VINYL FLOOR COVERINGS

REF: A. STATE 158431; B. STATE 122814; C. WELLINGTON 2191

1. TARIFF AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING SEPT 4. BOTH ARMSTRONG'S NEW ZEALAND DISTRIBUTOR, FLOORING DISTRIBUTORS LTD AND ARMSTRONG NYLEX OF MELBOURNE PLAN SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO COUNTER MOVE TO EITHER RE-IMPOSE IMPORT LICENSING CONTROLS OR INCREASE TARIFF RATES ON VINYL FLOORING.

2. CONGOLEUM INDUSTRIES OF KEARNEY, NJ, REPRESENTED BY MILFORD FURNITURE, AUCKLAND, ALSO SUBMITTING EVIDENCE. EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH AGENTS BOTH US COMPANIES DURING RECENT WEEKS.

3. EMBASSY PRESENTED NOTE TO FONOFF DATED JULY 12 CALLING ATTENTION TO FACT TARIFFS VARIOUS ITEMS, INCLUDING VINYL FLOORING, SUBJECT TARIFF INCREASES NOT IN ACCORDANCE ARTICLE 28 OF GATT (REF B). GNZ HAS NOT REPLIED.

4. DURING AUGUST 20 DISCUSSION WITH GNZ MINISTER
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OVERSEAS TRADE EMBASSY CHARGE EMPHASIZED USG CONCERN

ABOUT INDICATIONS GNZ MAY ADOPT MEASURES FURTHER
RESTRICTING IMPORT VINYL COVERINGS (REF C)

5. EMBASSY SCHEDULED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARMSTRONG
AGENT TO ASSIST AND ADVISE AS BEST AS POSSIBLE. PLAN
CONTINUE EXPRESS USG INTEREST DURING INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS APPROPRIATE GNZ OFFICIALS.
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